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COMMERCIAL CLAUSES

1 52.252-02 CLAUSES INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

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Clause	Title	Date
52.214-34	Submission Of Offers In The English Language	April 1991
52.214-35	Submission Of Offers In U.S. Currency	April 1991

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SECTION E -- INSPECTION AND ACCEPTANCE

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Clause	Title	Date
52.246-16	Responsibility for Supplies	April 1984

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SECTION I -- CONTRACT CLAUSES

I.1 52.252-02 CLAUSES INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

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Clause	Title	Date
52.202-01	Definitions	July 2004
52.203-03	Gratuities	April 1984
52.203-05	Covenant Against Contingent Fees	April 1984
52.203-07	Anti-Kickback Procedures	July 1995
52.203-08	Cancellation, Rescission, and Recovery of Funds for Illegal or Improper Activity	January 1997
52.203-10	Price Or Fee Adjustment For Illegal Or Improper Activity	January 1997
52.203-12	Limitation On Payments To Influence Certain Federal Transactions	June 2003
52.204-04	Printed or Copied Double-Sided on Recycled Paper.	August 2000
52.209-06	Protecting the Government's Interest When Subcontracting With Contractors Debarred, Suspended, or Proposed for Debarment	January 2005
52.215-02	Audit and Records--Negotiation	June 1999
52.215-10	Price Reduction for Defective Cost or Pricing Data	October 1997
52.215-11	Price Reduction for Defective Cost or Pricing Data--Modifications	October 1997
52.215-12	Subcontractor Cost or Pricing Data	October 1997
52.215-13	Subcontractor Cost or Pricing Data--Modifications	October 1997
52.215-14 Alt I	Integrity of Unit Prices Alternate I	October 1997
52.215-15	Pension Adjustments and Asset Reversions	October 2004
52.215-21	Requirements for Cost or Pricing Data or Information Other Than Cost or Pricing Data--Modifications	October 1997
52.219-08	Utilization of Small Business Concerns	May 2004
52.222-03	Convict Labor	June 2003
52.222-04	Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act - Overtime Compensation	July 2005
52.222-21	Prohibition of Segregated Facilities	February 1999
52.222-26	Equal Opportunity	April 2002
52.222-35	Equal Opportunity for Special Disabled Veterans, Veterans of the Vietnam Era, and Other Eligible Veterans	December 2001
52.222-36	Affirmative Action For Workers with Disabilities	June 1998
52.222-37	Employment Reports on Special Disabled Veterans, Veterans of the Vietnam Era, and Other Eligible Veterans	December 2001
52.222-38	Compliance with Veterans' Employment Reporting Requirements	December 2001
52.223-06	Drug Free Workplace	May 2001
52.223-14	Toxic Chemical Release Reporting	August 2003
52.225-13	Restrictions on Certain Foreign Purchases	March 2005
52.229-03	Federal, State And Local Taxes	April 2003
52.230-02	Cost Accounting Standards	April 1998

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52.230-05	Cost Accounting Standards--Educational Institution	April 1998
52.230-06	Administration of Cost Accounting Standards	April 2005
52.232-02	Payments Under Fixed-Price Research And Development Contracts	April 1984
52.232-17	Interest	June 1996
52.232-23	Assignment Of Claims	January 1986
52.232-24	Prohibition of Assignment of Claims	January 1986
52.232-25	Prompt Payment	October 2003
52.232-33	Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer--Central Contractor Registration	October 2003
52.233-01	Disputes	July 2002
52.233-03	Protest After Award	August 1996
52.242-13	Bankruptcy	July 1995
52.243-01 Alt V	Changes--Fixed-Price - Alternate V	April 1984
52.244-05	Competition In Subcontracting	December 1996
52.245-01	Property Records	April 1984
52.249-01	Termination For Convenience Of The Government (Fixed Price) (Short Form)	April 1984
52.249-05	Termination For Convenience Of The Government (Educational And Other Nonprofit Institutions)	September 1996
WBR 1452.223-80	Asbestos-Free Warranty -- Bureau of Reclamation (OCT 1992)	October 1992

I.2 52.204-07 CENTRAL CONTRACTOR REGISTRATION

OCTOBER 2003

(a) Definitions. As used in this clause-

"Central Contractor Registration (CCR) database" means the primary Government repository for Contractor information required for the conduct of business with the Government.

"Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number" means the 9-digit number assigned by Dun and Bradstreet, Inc. (D&B) to identify unique business entities.

"Data Universal Numbering System +4 (DUNS+4) number" means the DUNS number assigned by D&B plus a 4-character suffix that may be assigned by a business concern. (D&B has no affiliation with this 4-character suffix.) This 4-character suffix may be assigned at the discretion of the business concern to establish additional CCR records for identifying alternative Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) accounts (see the FAR at Subpart 32.11) for the same parent concern.

"Registered in the CCR database" means that-

(1) The Contractor has entered all mandatory information, including the DUNS number or the DUNS+4 number, into the CCR database; and

(2) The Government has validated all mandatory data fields and has marked the record "Active".

(b)(1) By submission of an offer, the offeror acknowledges the requirement that a prospective awardee shall be registered in the CCR database prior to award, during performance, and through final payment of any contract, basic agreement, basic ordering agreement, or blanket purchasing agreement resulting from this solicitation.

(2) The offeror shall enter, in the block with its name and address on the cover page of its offer, the annotation "DUNS" or "DUNS +4" followed by the DUNS or DUNS +4 number that identifies the offeror's name and address exactly as stated in the offer. The DUNS number will be used by the Contracting Officer to verify that the offeror is registered in the CCR database.

(c) If the offeror does not have a DUNS number, it should contact Dun and Bradstreet directly to obtain one.

(1) An offeror may obtain a DUNS number-

(i) If located within the United States, by calling Dun and Bradstreet at 1-866-705-5711 or via the Internet at <http://www.dnb.com>; or

(ii) If located outside the United States, by contacting the local Dun and Bradstreet office.

(2) The offeror should be prepared to provide the following information:

(i) Company legal business.

(ii) Tradestyle, doing business, or other name by which your entity is commonly recognized.

(iii) Company Physical Street Address, City, State, and Zip Code.

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- (iv) Company Mailing Address, City, State and Zip Code (if separate from physical).
 - (v) Company Telephone Number.
 - (vi) Date the company was started.
 - (vii) Number of employees at your location.
 - (viii) Chief executive officer/key manager.
 - (ix) Line of business (industry).
 - (x) Company Headquarters name and address (reporting relationship within your entity).
 - (d) If the Offeror does not become registered in the CCR database in the time prescribed by the Contracting Officer, the Contracting Officer will proceed to award to the next otherwise successful registered Offeror.
 - (e) Processing time, which normally takes 48 hours, should be taken into consideration when registering. Offerors who are not registered should consider applying for registration immediately upon receipt of this solicitation.
 - (f) The Contractor is responsible for the accuracy and completeness of the data within the CCR database, and for any liability resulting from the Government's reliance on inaccurate or incomplete data. To remain registered in the CCR database after the initial registration, the Contractor is required to review and update on an annual basis from the date of initial registration or subsequent updates its information in the CCR database to ensure it is current, accurate and complete. Updating information in the CCR does not alter the terms and conditions of this contract and is not a substitute for a properly executed contractual document.
 - (g) (1) (i) If a Contractor has legally changed its business name, "doing business as" name, or division name (whichever is shown on the contract), or has transferred the assets used in performing the contract, but has not completed the necessary requirements regarding novation and change-of-name agreements in Subpart 42.12, the Contractor shall provide the responsible Contracting Officer a minimum of one business day's written notification of its intention to (A) change the name in the CCR database; (B) comply with the requirements of Subpart 42.12 of the FAR; and (C) agree in writing to the timeline and procedures specified by the responsible Contracting Officer. The Contractor must provide with the notification sufficient documentation to support the legally changed name.
 - (ii) If the Contractor fails to comply with the requirements of paragraph (g)(1)(i) of this clause, or fails to perform the agreement at paragraph (g)(1)(i)(C) of this clause, and, in the absence of a properly executed novation or change-of-name agreement, the CCR information that shows the Contractor to be other than the Contractor indicated in the contract will be considered to be incorrect information within the meaning of the "Suspension of Payment" paragraph of the electronic funds transfer (EFT) clause of this contract.
 - (2) The Contractor shall not change the name or address for EFT payments or manual payments, as appropriate, in the CCR record to reflect an assignee for the purpose of assignment of claims (see FAR Subpart 32.8, Assignment of Claims). Assignees shall be separately registered in the CCR database. Information provided to the Contractor's CCR record that indicates payments, including those made by EFT, to an ultimate recipient other than that Contractor will be considered to be incorrect information within the meaning of the "Suspension of payment" paragraph of the EFT clause of this contract.
 - (h) Offerors and Contractors may obtain information on registration and annual confirmation requirements via the internet at <http://www.ccr.gov> or by calling 1-888-227-2423, or 269-961-5757.
- (End of clause)

I.3 52.232-16 PROGRESS PAYMENTS

APRIL 2003

The Government will make progress payments to the Contractor when requested as work progresses, but not more frequently than monthly, in amounts of \$2,500 or more approved by the Contracting Officer, under the following conditions:

- (a) Computation of amounts. (1) Unless the Contractor requests a smaller amount, the Government will compute each progress payment as 80 percent of the Contractor's total costs incurred under this contract whether or not actually paid, plus financing payments to subcontractors (see paragraph (j) of this clause), less the sum of all previous progress payments made by the Government under this contract. The Contracting Officer will consider cost of money that would be allowable under FAR 31.205-10 as an incurred cost for progress payment purposes.
- (2) The amount of financing and other payments for supplies and services purchased directly for the contract are limited to the amounts that have been paid by cash, check, or other forms of payment, or that are determined due and will be paid to subcontractors--
- (i) In accordance with the terms and conditions of a subcontract or invoice; and
- (ii) Ordinarily within 30 days of the submission of the Contractor's payment request to the Government.
- (3) The Government will exclude accrued costs of Contractor contributions under employee pension plans until actually paid unless--

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- (i) The Contractor's practice is to make contributions to the retirement fund quarterly or more frequently; and
- (ii) The contribution does not remain unpaid 30 days after the end of the applicable quarter or shorter payment period (any contribution remaining unpaid shall be excluded from the Contractor's total costs for progress payments until paid).
- (4) The Contractor shall not include the following in total costs for progress payment purposes in paragraph (a)(1) of this clause:
 - (i) Costs that are not reasonable, allocable to this contract, and consistent with sound and generally accepted accounting principles and practices.
 - (ii) Costs incurred by subcontractors or suppliers.
 - (iii) Costs ordinarily capitalized and subject to depreciation or amortization except for the properly depreciated or amortized portion of such costs.
 - (iv) Payments made or amounts payable to subcontractors or suppliers, except for--
 - (A) Completed work, including partial deliveries, to which the Contractor has acquired title; and
 - (B) Work under cost-reimbursement or time-and-material subcontracts to which the Contractor has acquired title.
- (5) The amount of unliquidated progress payments may exceed neither (i) the progress payments made against incomplete work (including allowable unliquidated progress payments to subcontractors) nor (ii) the value, for progress payment purposes, of the incomplete work. Incomplete work shall be considered to be the supplies and services required by this contract, for which delivery and invoicing by the Contractor and acceptance by the Government are incomplete.
- (6) The total amount of progress payments shall not exceed 80 percent of the total contract price.
- (7) If a progress payment or the unliquidated progress payments exceed the amounts permitted by subparagraphs (a)(4) or (a)(5) above, the Contractor shall repay the amount of such excess to the Government on demand.
- (8) Notwithstanding any other terms of the contract, the Contractor agrees not to request progress payments in dollar amounts of less than \$2,500. The Contracting Officer may make exceptions.
- (b) Liquidation. Except as provided in the Termination for Convenience of the Government clause, all progress payments shall be liquidated by deducting from any payment under this contract, other than advance or progress payments, the unliquidated progress payments, or 80 percent of the amount invoiced, whichever is less. The Contractor shall repay to the Government any amounts required by a retroactive price reduction, after computing liquidations and payments on past invoices at the reduced prices and adjusting the unliquidated progress payments accordingly. The Government reserves the right to unilaterally change from the ordinary liquidation rate to an alternate rate when deemed appropriate for proper contract financing.
- (c) Reduction or suspension. The Contracting Officer may reduce or suspend progress payments, increase the rate of liquidation, or take a combination of these actions, after finding on substantial evidence any of the following conditions:
 - (1) The Contractor failed to comply with any material requirement of this contract (which includes paragraphs (f) and (g) below).
 - (2) Performance of this contract is endangered by the Contractor's--
 - (i) Failure to make progress; or
 - (ii) Unsatisfactory financial condition.
 - (3) Inventory allocated to this contract substantially exceeds reasonable requirements.
 - (4) The Contractor is delinquent in payment of the costs of performing this contract in the ordinary course of business.
 - (5) The unliquidated progress payments exceed the fair value of the work accomplished on the undelivered portion of this contract.

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(6) The Contractor is realizing less profit than that reflected in the establishment of any alternate liquidation rate in paragraph (b) above, and that rate is less than the progress payment rate stated in subparagraph (a)(1) above.

(d) Title. (1) Title to the property described in this paragraph (d) shall vest in the Government. Vestiture shall be immediately upon the date of this contract, for property acquired or produced before that date. Otherwise, vestiture shall occur when the property is or should have been allocable or properly chargeable to this contract.

(2) "Property," as used in this clause, includes all of the below-described items acquired or produced by the Contractor that are or should be allocable or properly chargeable to this contract under sound and generally accepted accounting principles and practices.

(i) Parts, materials, inventories, and work in process;

(ii) Special tooling and special test equipment to which the Government is to acquire title under any other clause of this contract;

(iii) Nondurable (i.e., noncapital) tools, jigs, dies, fixtures, molds, patterns, taps, gauges, test equipment, and other similar manufacturing aids, title to which would not be obtained as special tooling under subparagraph (ii) above; and

(iv) Drawings and technical data, to the extent the Contractor or subcontractors are required to deliver them to the Government by other clauses of this contract.

(3) Although title to property is in the Government under this clause, other applicable clauses of this contract; e.g., the termination or special tooling clauses, shall determine the handling and disposition of the property.

(4) The Contractor may sell any scrap resulting from production under this contract without requesting the Contracting Officer's approval, but the proceeds shall be credited against the costs of performance.

(5) To acquire for its own use or dispose of property to which title is vested in the Government under this clause, the Contractor must obtain the Contracting Officer's advance approval of the action and the terms. The Contractor shall (i) exclude the allocable costs of the property from the costs of contract performance, and (ii) repay to the Government any amount of unliquidated progress payments allocable to the property. Repayment may be by cash or credit memorandum.

(6) When the Contractor completes all of the obligations under this contract, including liquidation of all progress payments, title shall vest in the Contractor for all property (or the proceeds thereof) not--

(i) Delivered to, and accepted by, the Government under this contract; or

(ii) Incorporated in supplies delivered to, and accepted by, the Government under this contract and to which title is vested in the Government under this clause.

(7) The terms of this contract concerning liability for Government-furnished property shall not apply to property to which the Government acquired title solely under this clause.

(e) Risk of loss. Before delivery to and acceptance by the Government, the Contractor shall bear the risk of loss for property, the title to which vests in the Government under this clause, except to the extent the Government expressly assumes the risk. The Contractor shall repay the Government an amount equal to the unliquidated progress payments that are based on costs allocable to property that is damaged, lost, stolen, or destroyed.

(f) Control of costs and property. The Contractor shall maintain an accounting system and controls adequate for the proper administration of this clause.

(g) Reports and access to records. The Contractor shall promptly furnish reports, certificates, financial statements, and other pertinent information reasonably requested by the Contracting Officer for the administration of this clause. Also, the Contractor shall give the Government reasonable opportunity to examine and verify the Contractor's books, records, and accounts.

(h) Special terms regarding default. If this contract is terminated under the Default clause, (i) the Contractor shall, on demand, repay to the Government the amount of unliquidated progress payments and (ii) title shall vest in the Contractor, on full liquidation of progress payments, for all property for which the Government elects not to require delivery under the Default clause. The Government shall be liable for no payment except as provided by the Default clause.

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(i) Reservations of rights. (1) No payment or vesting of title under this clause shall--

(i) Excuse the Contractor from performance of obligations under this contract; or

(ii) Constitute a waiver of any of the rights or remedies of the parties under the contract.

(2) The Government's rights and remedies under this clause--

(i) Shall not be exclusive but rather shall be in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or this contract; and

(ii) Shall not be affected by delayed, partial, or omitted exercise of any right, remedy, power, or privilege, nor shall such exercise or any single exercise preclude or impair any further exercise under this clause or the exercise of any other right, power, or privilege of the Government.

(j) Financing payments to subcontractors. The financing payments to subcontractors mentioned in paragraphs (a)(1) and (a)(2) of this clause shall be all financing payments to subcontractors or divisions, if the following conditions are met:

(1) The amounts included are limited to--

(i) The unliquidated remainder of financing payments made; plus

(ii) Any unpaid subcontractor requests for financing payments.

(2) The subcontract or interdivisional order is expected to involve a minimum of approximately 6 months between the beginning of work and the first delivery; or, if the subcontractor is a small business concern, 4 months.

(3) If the financing payments are in the form of progress payments, the terms of the subcontract or interdivisional order concerning progress payments--

(i) Are substantially similar to the terms of this clause for any subcontractor that is a large business concern, or this clause with its Alternate I for any subcontractor that is a small business concern;

(ii) Are at least as favorable to the Government as the terms of this clause;

(iii) Are not more favorable to the subcontractor or division than the terms of this clause are to the Contractor;

(iv) Are in conformance with the requirements of FAR 32.504(e); and

(v) Subordinate all subcontractor rights concerning property to which the Government has title under the subcontract to the Government's right to require delivery of the property to the Government if--

(A) The Contractor defaults; or

(B) The subcontractor becomes bankrupt or insolvent.

(4) If the financing payments are in the form of performance-based payments, the terms of the subcontract or interdivisional order concerning payments--

(i) Are substantially similar to the Performance-Based Payments clause at FAR 52.232-32 and meet the criteria for, and definition of, performance-based payments in FAR Part 32;

(ii) Are in conformance with the requirements of FAR 32.504(f); and

(iii) Subordinate all subcontractor rights concerning property to which the Government has title under the subcontract to the Government's right to require delivery of the property to the Government if--

(A) The Contractor defaults; or

(B) The subcontractor becomes bankrupt or insolvent.

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(5) If the financing payments are in the form of commercial item financing payments, the terms of the subcontract or interdivisional order concerning payments--

(i) Are constructed in accordance with FAR 32.206(c) and included in a subcontract for a commercial item purchase that meets the definition and standards for acquisition of commercial items in FAR Parts 2 and 12;

(ii) Are in conformance with the requirements of FAR 32.504(g); and

(iii) Subordinate all subcontractor rights concerning property to which the Government has title under the subcontract to the Government's right to require delivery of the property to the Government if--

(A) The Contractor defaults; or

(B) The subcontractor becomes bankrupt or insolvent.

(6) If financing is in the form of progress payments, the progress payment rate in the subcontract is the customary rate used by the contracting agency, depending on whether the subcontractor is or is not a small business concern.

(7) Concerning any proceeds received by the Government for property to which title has vested in the Government under the subcontract terms, the parties agree that the proceeds shall be applied to reducing any unliquidated financing payments by the Government to the Contractor under this contract.

(8) If no unliquidated financing payments to the Contractor remain, but there are unliquidated financing payments that the Contractor has made to any subcontractor, the Contractor shall be subrogated to all the rights the Government obtained through the terms required by this clause to be in any subcontract, as if all such rights had been assigned and transferred to the Contractor.

(9) To facilitate small business participation in subcontracting under this contract, the Contractor shall provide financing payments to small business concerns, in conformity with the standards for customary contract financing payments stated in FAR 32.113. The Contractor shall not consider the need for such financing payments as a handicap or adverse factor in the award of subcontracts.

(k) Limitations on undefinitized contract actions. Notwithstanding any other progress payment provisions in this contract, progress payments may not exceed 80 percent of costs incurred on work accomplished under undefinitized contract actions. A "contract action" is any action resulting in a contract, as defined in Subpart 2.1, including contract modifications for additional supplies or services, but not including contract modifications that are within the scope and under the terms of the contract, such as contract modifications issued pursuant to the Changes clause, or funding and other administrative changes. This limitation shall apply to the costs incurred, as computed in accordance with paragraph (a) of this clause, and shall remain in effect until the contract action is definitized. Costs incurred which are subject to this limitation shall be segregated on Contractor progress payment requests and invoices from those costs eligible for higher progress payment rates. For purposes of progress payment liquidation, as described in paragraph (b) of this clause, progress payments for undefinitized contract actions shall be liquidated at 80 percent of the amount invoiced for work performed under the undefinitized contract action as long as the contract action remains undefinitized. The amount of unliquidated progress payments for undefinitized contract actions shall not exceed 80 percent of the maximum liability of the Government under the undefinitized contract action or such lower limit specified elsewhere in the contract. Separate limits may be specified for separate actions.

(l) Due date. The designated payment office will make progress payments on the 30th day after the designated billing office receives a proper progress payment request. In the event that the Government requires an audit or other review of a specific progress payment request to ensure compliance with the terms and conditions of the contract, the designated payment office is not compelled to make payment by the specified due date. Progress payments are considered contract financing and are not subject to the interest penalty provisions of the Prompt Payment Act.

(m) Progress payments under indefinite-delivery contracts. The Contractor shall account for and submit progress payment requests under individual orders as if the order constituted a separate contract, unless otherwise specified in this contract.

(End of clause)

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(a) Definitions. As used in this clause-

"Commercial item" has the meaning contained in Federal Acquisition Regulation 2.101, Definitions.

"Subcontract" includes a transfer of commercial items between divisions, subsidiaries, or affiliates of the Contractor or subcontractor at any tier.

(b) To the maximum extent practicable, the Contractor shall incorporate, and require its subcontractors at all tiers to incorporate, commercial items or nondevelopmental items as components of items to be supplied under this contract.

(c)(1) The Contractor shall insert the following clauses in subcontracts for commercial items:

(i) 52.219-8, Utilization of Small Business Concerns (May 2004) (15 U.S.C. 637(d)(2) and (3)), in all subcontracts that offer further subcontracting opportunities. If the subcontract (except subcontracts to small business concerns) exceeds \$500,000 (\$1,000,000 for construction of any public facility), the subcontractor must include 52.219-8 in lower tier subcontracts that offer subcontracting opportunities.

(ii) 52.222-26, Equal Opportunity (APR 2002) (E.O. 11246).

(iii) 52.222-35, Equal Opportunity for Special Disabled Veterans, Veterans of the Vietnam Era, and Other Eligible Veterans (DEC 2001) (38 U.S.C. 4212(a)).

(iv) 52.222-36, Affirmative Action for Workers with Disabilities (JUN 1998) (29 U.S.C. 793).

(v) 52.222-39, Notification of Employee Rights Concerning Payment of Union Dues or Fees (Dec 2004) (E.O. 13201). Flow down as required in accordance with paragraph (g) of FAR clause 52.222-39).

(vi) 52.247-64, Preference for Privately Owned U.S.-Flagged Commercial Vessels (APR 2003) (46 U.S.C. Appx 1241 and 10 U.S.C. 2631) (flowdown required in accordance with paragraph (d) of FAR clause 52.247-64)

(2) While not required, the Contractor may flow down to subcontracts for commercial items a minimal number of additional clauses necessary to satisfy its contractual obligations.

(d) The Contractor shall include the terms of this clause, including this paragraph (d), in subcontracts awarded under this contract.

(End of clause)

I.5 WBR AUTHORITIES AND LIMITATIONS -- BUREAU OF JULY 1993
1452.201- RECLAMATION
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(a) All work shall be performed under the authority exercised by the Contracting Officer who has been appointed in accordance with the requirements of the Department of the Interior Acquisition Regulation (DIAR) 1401.603 (48 CFR 1401.603).

(b) The Contracting Officer may designate other Government employees to act as authorized representatives in administering this contract in accordance with the requirements of DIAR 1401.670 (48 CFR 1401.670). Any designation shall be made to the authorized representative by an appointment memorandum signed by the Contracting Officer which contains the scope and limitations of authority delegated for purposes of administering this contract. A copy of the memorandum, and any revisions to it, shall be provided to the Contractor which shall acknowledge receipt.

(c) The Contractor shall, without unnecessary delay, comply with any written or oral direction of the contracting officer or authorized representative(s) acting within the scope and authority of their appointment memorandum. Such orders or direction include, but are not limited to, instructions, interpretations, approvals, or rejections associated with work under this contract including requirements for submission of technical data, shop drawings, samples, literature, plans, or other data required to be approved by the Government under this contract.

(d)(1) If the Contractor receives direction for work under this contract (including any written or oral orders it regards as a change order under the Changes clause of this contract) and it considers such direction to have been issued without proper authority (including

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instances where it believes delegated authority has been exceeded), it shall not proceed with the direction and shall notify the Contracting Officer within five (5) working days of receipt of the direction. On the basis of the most accurate information available to the Contractor, the notice shall state--

- (i) The date, nature, and circumstances of the direction received;
- (ii) The name, function, and activity of each Government individual and Contractor official or employee involved in or knowledgeable about such direction;
- (iii) The identification of any documents and the substance of any oral communication involved in such direction;
- (iv) The contract line items or other contract requirements that may be affected by the alleged direction including any suspected delays or disruption of performance; and
- (v) Any other information considered pertinent.

(2) Unless otherwise provided in this contract, the Contractor assumes all costs, risks, liabilities, and consequences of performing any work it is directed to perform under this paragraph prior to receipt of the Contracting Officer's determination issued under paragraph (e) of this clause.

(e) The Contracting Officer shall promptly, after receipt of any notice made under paragraph (d) of this clause, respond to the notice in writing. The response shall --

(1) Confirm that the direction contained in the Contractor's notice was unauthorized and either authorize it by appropriate contract modification or countermand it;

(2) Deny that the direction contained in the Contractor's notice was outside the scope and limitations of the authority of the authorized representative who gave the direction and direct the Contractor to proceed immediately with the direction received or, when necessary, direct the mode of further performance; or

(3) In the event the information contained in the Contractor's notice is inadequate to make a decision under subparagraphs (e)(1) or (2) of this clause, advise the Contractor what additional information is required, and establish the date by which it should be furnished and the date thereafter by which the Government will respond.

(f) A failure of the parties to agree upon the nature of a direction, or upon the contract action to be taken with respect thereto, shall be subject to the provisions of the Disputes clause of this contract.

(End of clause)

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(a) In submitting any proposal for a modification under this contract (including any proposal for an equitable adjustment resulting from a change under the Changes clause of this contract), the Contractor shall:

- (1) Comply with the contract time limits for submission of a proposal or as specified by the Contracting Officer;
 - (2) Apply the contract cost principles and procedures in Part 31 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) in effect on the date of this contract;
 - (3) Furnish a breakdown of all costs estimated to complete the work required by the modification (i.e., cost of added work, incurred cost of deleted work already performed, estimated cost of deleted work not yet performed, and net cost of the modification) to include all costs associated with materials (identified by item and quantity), equipment (identified by item, quantity and whether contractor-owned or rented), categories of direct labor, bond and insurance premium adjustments, subcontracts, overhead and other indirect costs, profit/fee, and any other pricing information requested by the Contracting Officer, in sufficient detail to permit an analysis of fair and reasonable price;
 - (4) Furnish a written justification for any requested time extensions; and
 - (5) For any pricing adjustment expected to exceed \$500,000 (considering both increases and decreases) --
 - (i) Submit cost and pricing data using the format specified in Table 15-2 of FAR 15.408 unless the Contracting Officer agrees that an exception applies under the circumstances set forth in FAR 15.403-1;
 - (ii) Certify in substantially the format prescribed in FAR 15.406-2 that to the best of its knowledge and belief, the data are accurate, complete and current as of the date of agreement on the negotiated price of the modification; and
 - (iii) Comply with the requirements of either the Subcontractor Cost or Pricing Data clause or the Subcontractor Cost or Pricing Data -- Modifications clause of this contract when the adjustment includes a subcontract modification involving a pricing adjustment expected to exceed 500,000.
- (b) Under the Changes clause of this contract, failure of the Contractor to timely assert its right for an adjustment or to submit a proposal for an adjustment by the date specified in the clause (or another date specified by the Contracting Officer) may result in a unilateral adjustment of the contract by the Contracting Officer pursuant to the Disputes clause of this contract.

(End of clause)

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SECTION K -- REPRESENTATIONS, CERTIFICATIONS AND OTHER STATEMENTS OF OFFERORS

K.1 52.204-08 ANNUAL REPRESENTATIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS JANUARY 2005

(a)(1) If the clause at 52.204-7, Central Contractor Registration, is included in this solicitation, paragraph (b) of this provision applies.

(2) If the clause at 52.204-7 is not included in this solicitation, and the offeror is currently registered in CCR, and has completed the ORCA electronically, the offeror may choose to use paragraph (b) instead of completing the corresponding individual representations and certifications in the solicitation. The offeror shall indicate which option applies by checking one of the following boxes:

☐ (i) Paragraph (b) applies

☐ (ii) Paragraph (b) does not apply and the offeror has completed the individual representations and certifications in the solicitation.

(b) The offeror has completed the annual representations and certifications electronically via the Online Representations and Certifications Application (ORCA) website at <http://orca.bpn.gov>. After reviewing the ORCA database information, the offeror verifies by submission of the offer that the representations and certifications currently posted electronically have been entered or updated within the last 12 months, are current, accurate, complete, and applicable to this solicitation (including the business size standard applicable to the NAICS code referenced for this solicitation), as of the date of this offer and are incorporated in this offer by reference (see FAR 4.1201); except for the changes identified below [*offeror to insert changes, identifying change by clause number, title, date*]. These amended representation(s) and/or certification(s) are also incorporated in this offer and are current, accurate, and complete as of the date of this offer.

FAR Clause #	Title	Date	Change
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Any changes provided by the offeror are applicable to this solicitation only, and do not result in an update to the representations and certifications posted on ORCA.

(End of provision)

K.2 WBR ORGANIZATIONAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST -- BUREAU JULY 1997 1452.209- OF RECLAMATION 80

(a) Definition. "Organizational conflict of interest," as used in this clause, means that because of other activities or relationships with other person, a person is unable or potentially unable to render impartial assistance or advice to the Government, or the person's objectivity in performing the contract work is or might be otherwise impaired, or a person has an unfair competitive advantage.

(b) Disclosure. By submission of this offer, offeror represents that it is not aware of any information bearing on the existence of any actual or potential organizational conflict of interest in connection with this solicitation number _____, except as herein provided in the following disclosure statement.

(1) This disclosure statement submitted with this offer describes all relevant information concerning any past, present, or planned interests bearing on whether this firm (including its chief executives and directors, or any proposed consultant or subcontractor) may have a potential organizational conflict of interest. List any potential organizational conflict of interest in the space provided below. If no potential conflicts exist, list "NONE."

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(2) The offeror agrees that if awarded a contract under this solicitation that, throughout the life of the contract, immediate notification will be provided to the contracting officer it at any time a potential or actual conflict becomes known to this firm.

(c) Policy guidance. FAR Subpart 9.5 and Reclamation Acquisition Regulation Subpart 1409.5 contain the policies and procedures for avoiding, neutralizing, or mitigating organizational conflicts of interest, and may be used as guidance by an offeror in determining an appropriate course of action.

(End of Provision)

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SECTION L -- INSTRUCTIONS, CONDITIONS AND NOTICES TO BIDDERS

L.1 52.252-01 SOLICITATION PROVISIONS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

This solicitation incorporates one or more solicitation provisions by reference, with the same force and effect as if they were given in full text. Upon request, the Contracting Officer will make their full text available. The offeror is cautioned that the listed provisions may include blocks that must be completed by the offeror and submitted with its quotation or offer. In lieu of submitting the full text of those provisions, the offeror may identify the provision by paragraph identifier and provide the appropriate information with its quotation or offer. Also, the full text of a solicitation provision may be accessed electronically at this/these address(es):

<http://www.usbr.gov/pmts/acquisitions/>
<http://www.arnet.gov/far>

Clause	Title	Date
52.204-06	Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) Number	October 2003
52.232-13	Notice Of Progress Payments	April 1984
WBR 1452.211-80	Notice Of Intent To Acquire Metric Products And Services -- Bureau of Reclamation	March 1993

L.2 52.215-01 INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFERORS--COMPETITIVE MAY 2001 ALT 1 ACQUISITION ALTERNATE I

(a) Definitions. As used in this provision--

"Discussions" are negotiations that occur after establishment of the competitive range that may, at the Contracting Officer's discretion, result in the offeror being allowed to revise its proposal.

"In writing," "writing," or "written" means any worded or numbered expression that can be read, reproduced, and later communicated, and includes electronically transmitted and stored information.

"Proposal modification" is a change made to a proposal before the solicitation's closing date and time, or made in response to an amendment, or made to correct a mistake at any time before award.

"Proposal revision" is a change to a proposal made after the solicitation closing date, at the request of or as allowed by a Contracting Officer as the result of negotiations.

"Time", if stated as a number of days, is calculated using calendar days, unless otherwise specified, and will include Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays. However, if the last day falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, then the period shall include the next working day.

(b) Amendments to solicitations. If this solicitation is amended, all terms and conditions that are not amended remain unchanged. Offerors shall acknowledge receipt of any amendment to this solicitation by the date and time specified in the amendment(s).

(c) Submission, modification, revision, and withdrawal of proposals. (1) Unless other methods (e.g., electronic commerce or facsimile) are permitted in the solicitation, proposals and modifications to proposals shall be submitted in paper media in sealed envelopes or packages (i) addressed to the office specified in the solicitation, and (ii) showing the time and date specified for receipt, the solicitation number, and the name and address of the offeror. Offerors using commercial carriers should ensure that the proposal is marked on the outermost wrapper with the information in paragraphs (c)(1)(i) and (c)(1)(ii) of this provision.

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(2) The first page of the proposal must show--

(i) The solicitation number;

(ii) The name, address, and telephone and facsimile numbers of the offeror (and electronic address if available);

(iii) A statement specifying the extent of agreement with all terms, conditions, and provisions included in the solicitation and agreement to furnish any or all items upon which prices are offered at the price set opposite each item;

(iv) Names, titles, and telephone and facsimile numbers (and electronic addresses if available) of persons authorized to negotiate on the offeror's behalf with the Government in connection with this solicitation; and

(v) Name, title, and signature of person authorized to sign the proposal. Proposals signed by an agent shall be accompanied by evidence of that agent's authority, unless that evidence has been previously furnished to the issuing office.

(3) Late proposals and revisions. (i) Any proposal received at the office designated in the solicitation after the exact time specified for receipt of offers will not be considered unless it is received before award is made and--

(A) It was sent by registered or certified mail not later than the fifth calendar day before the date specified for receipt of offers (e.g., an offer submitted in response to a solicitation requiring receipt of offers by the 20th of the month must have been mailed by the 15th);

(B) It was sent by mail (or telegram or facsimile, if authorized) or hand-carried (including delivery by a commercial carrier) if it is determined by the Government that the late receipt was due primarily to Government mishandling after receipt at the Government installation;

(C) It was sent by U.S. Postal Service Express Mail Next Day Service-Post Office to Addressee, not later than 5:00 p.m. at the place of mailing two working days prior to the date specified for receipt of proposals. The term "working days" excludes weekends and U.S. Federal holidays;

(D) It was transmitted through an electronic commerce method authorized by the solicitation and was received at the initial point of entry to the Government infrastructure not later than 5:00 p.m. one working day prior to the date specified for receipt of proposals; or

(E) There is acceptable evidence to establish that it was received at the activity designated for receipt of offers and was under the Government's control prior to the time set for receipt of offers, and the Contracting Officer determines that accepting the late offer would not unduly delay the procurement; or

(F) It is the only proposal received.

(ii) Any modification or revision of a proposal or response to request for information, including any final proposal revision, is subject to the same conditions as in subparagraphs (c)(3)(i)(A) through (c)(3)(i)(E) of this provision.

(iii) The only acceptable evidence to establish the date of mailing of a late proposal or modification or revision sent either by registered or certified mail is the U.S. or Canadian Postal Service postmark both on the envelope or wrapper and on the original receipt from the U.S. or Canadian Postal Service. Both postmarks must show a legible date or the proposal, response to a request for information, or modification or revision shall be processed as if mailed late. "Postmark" means a printed, stamped, or otherwise placed impression (exclusive of a postage meter machine impression) that is readily identifiable without further action as having been supplied and affixed by employees of the U.S. or Canadian Postal Service on the date of mailing. Therefore, offerors or respondents should request the postal clerk to place a legible hand cancellation bull's eye postmark on both the receipt and the envelope or wrapper.

(iv) Acceptable evidence to establish the time of receipt at the Government installation includes the time/date stamp of that installation on the proposal wrapper, other documentary evidence of receipt maintained by the installation, or oral testimony or statements of Government personnel.

(v) The only acceptable evidence to establish the date of mailing of a late offer, modification or revision, or withdrawal sent by Express Mail Next Day Service-Post Office to Addressee is the date entered by the post office receiving clerk on the "Express Mail Next Day Service-Post Office to Addressee" label and the postmark on both the envelope or wrapper and on the original receipt from the U.S. Postal Service. "Postmark" has the same meaning as defined in paragraph (c)(3)(iii) of this provision, excluding postmarks of

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the Canadian Postal Service. Therefore, offerors or respondents should request the postal clerk to place a legible hand cancellation bull's eye postmark on both the receipt and the envelope or wrapper.

(vi) Notwithstanding paragraph (c)(3)(i) of this provision, a late modification or revision of an otherwise successful proposal that makes its terms more favorable to the Government will be considered at any time it is received and may be accepted.

(vii) Proposals may be withdrawn by written notice or telegram (including mailgram) received at any time before award. If the solicitation authorizes facsimile proposals, proposals may be withdrawn via facsimile received at any time before award, subject to the conditions specified in the provision entitled "Facsimile Proposals." Proposals may be withdrawn in person by an offeror or an authorized representative, if the representative's identity is made known and the representative signs a receipt for the proposal before award.

(viii) If an emergency or unanticipated event inter-rupts normal Government processes so that proposals cannot be received at the office designated for receipt of proposals by the exact time specified in the solicitation, and urgent Government requirements preclude amendment of the solicitation or other notice of an extension of the closing date, the time specified for receipt of proposals will be deemed to be extended to the same time of day specified in the solicitation on the first work day on which normal Government processes resume. If no time is specified in the solicitation, the time for receipt is 4:30 p.m., local time, for the designated Government office.

(4) Unless otherwise specified in the solicitation, the offeror may propose to provide any item or combination of items.

(5) Offerors shall submit proposals in response to this solicitation in English, unless otherwise permitted by the solicitation, and in U.S. dollars, unless the provision at FAR 52.225-17, Evaluation of Foreign Currency Offers, is included in the solicitation.

(6) Offerors may submit modifications to their proposals at any time before the solicitation closing date and time, and may submit modifications in response to an amendment, or to correct a mistake at any time before award.

(7) Offerors may submit revised proposals only if requested or allowed by the Contracting Officer.

(8) Proposals may be withdrawn at any time before award. Withdrawals are effective upon receipt of notice by the Contracting Officer.

(d) Offer expiration date . Proposals in response to this solicitation will be valid for the number of days specified on the solicitation cover sheet (unless a different period is proposed by the offeror).

(e) Restriction on disclosure and use of data. Offerors that include in their proposals data that they do not want disclosed to the public for any purpose, or used by the Government except for evaluation purposes, shall—

(1) Mark the title page with the following legend:

This proposal includes data that shall not be disclosed outside the Government and shall not be duplicated, used, or disclosed—in whole or in part—for any purpose other than to evaluate this proposal. If, however, a contract is awarded to this offeror as a result of—or in connection with—the submission of this data, the Government shall have the right to duplicate, use, or disclose the data to the extent provided in the resulting contract. This restriction does not limit the Government's right to use information contained in this data if it is obtained from another source without restriction. The data subject to this restriction are contained in sheets [insert numbers or other identification of sheets]; and

(2) Mark each sheet of data it wishes to restrict with the following legend:

Use or disclosure of data contained on this sheet is subject to the restriction on the title page of this proposal.

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(f) Contract award. (1) The Government intends to award a contract or contracts resulting from this solicitation to the responsible offeror(s) whose proposal(s) represents the best value after evaluation in accordance with the factors and subfactors in the solicitation.

(2) The Government may reject any or all proposals if such action is in the Government's interest.

(3) The Government may waive informalities and minor irregularities in proposals received.

(4) The Government intends to evaluate proposals and award a contract after conducting discussions with offerors whose proposals have been determined to be within the competitive range. If the Contracting Officer determines that the number of proposals that would otherwise be in the competitive range exceeds the number at which an efficient competition can be conducted, the Contracting Officer may limit the number of proposals in the competitive range to the greatest number that will permit an efficient competition among the most highly rated proposals. Therefore, the offeror's initial proposal should contain the offeror's best terms from a price and technical standpoint.

(5) The Government reserves the right to make an award on any item for a quantity less than the quantity offered, at the unit cost or prices offered, unless the offeror specifies otherwise in the proposal.

(6) The Government reserves the right to make multiple awards if, after considering the additional administrative costs, it is in the Government's best interest to do so.

(7) Exchanges with offerors after receipt of a proposal do not constitute a rejection or counteroffer by the Government.

(8) The Government may determine that a proposal is unacceptable if the prices proposed are materially unbalanced between line items or subline items. Unbalanced pricing exists when, despite an acceptable total evaluated price, the price of one or more contract line items is significantly overstated or understated as indicated by the application of cost or price analysis techniques. A proposal may be rejected if the Contracting Officer determines that the lack of balance poses an unacceptable risk to the Government.

(9) If a cost realism analysis is performed, cost realism may be considered by the source selection authority in evaluating performance or schedule risk.

(10) A written award or acceptance of proposal mailed or otherwise furnished to the successful offeror within the time specified in the proposal shall result in a binding contract without further action by either party.

(11) If a post-award debriefing is given to requesting offerors, the Government shall disclose the following information, if applicable:

(i) The agency's evaluation of the significant weak or deficient factors in the debriefed offeror's offer.

(ii) The overall evaluated cost or price and technical rating of the successful and the debriefed offeror and past performance information on the debriefed offeror.

(iii) The overall ranking of all offerors, when any ranking was developed by the agency during source selection.

(iv) A summary of the rationale for award.

(v) For acquisition of commercial items, the make and model of the item to be delivered by the successful offeror.

L.3 52.215-20 REQUIREMENTS FOR COST OR PRICING DATA OR OCTOBER 1997
 ALT IV INFORMATION OTHER THAN COST OR PRICING DATA
 ALTERNATE IV

(a) Submission of cost or pricing data is not required.

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(b) Provide information described below: [Insert description of the information and the format that are required, including access to records necessary to permit an adequate evaluation of the proposed price in accordance with 15.403-03.]

L.4 52.216-01 TYPE OF CONTRACT APRIL 1984

The Government contemplates award of a Firm Fixed Price Research and Development contract resulting from this solicitation.

L.5 52.252-01 SOLICITATION PROVISIONS INCORPORATED BY FEBRUARY 1998
REFERENCE

This solicitation incorporates one or more solicitation provisions by reference, with the same force and effect as if they were given in full text. Upon request, the Contracting Officer will make their full text available. The offeror is cautioned that the listed provisions may include blocks that must be completed by the offeror and submitted with its quotation or offer. In lieu of submitting the full text of those provisions, the offeror may identify the provision by paragraph identifier and provide the appropriate information with its quotation or offer. Also, the full text of a solicitation provision may be accessed electronically at this/these address(es):

<http://www.usbr.gov/pmts/acquisitions/>
<http://www.arnet.gov/far>

L.6 52.252-05 AUTHORIZED DEVIATIONS IN PROVISIONS APRIL 1984

(a) The use in this solicitation of any Federal Acquisition Regulation (48 CFR Chapter 1) provision with an authorized deviation is indicated by the addition of "(DEVIATION)" after the date of the provision.

(b) The use in this solicitation of any Department of the Interior (48 CFR Chapter 14) provision with an authorized deviation is indicated by the addition of "(DEVIATION)" after the name of the regulation.

L.7 WBR SOURCE EVALUATION AND SELECTION PROCEDURES MAY 2005
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The Government intends to evaluate proposals submitted under this solicitation and select a source for contract award without discussions (unless the contracting officer later determines discussions to be necessary) in accordance with the following provision: FAR 52.215-1 Instructions to Offerors -- Competitive Acquisition (JAN 2004). Source selection shall be in accordance with procedures contained in FAR Part 15, Department of the Interior Acquisition Regulation (DIAR) Part 1415 (48 CFR 1415) and Bureau of Reclamation Acquisition Regulation WBR Part 1415. These procedures are summarized as follows:

(a) Technical evaluation. *[Insert of of the following statements: "technical proposals are being requested in order to obtain information to be used in the evaluation process.." "Technical proposals are considered to be part of offers as to technical performance."]* A Technical Proposal Evaluation Committee has been established to objectively evaluate technical proposals in accordance with the Evaluation Factors for Award -- Bureau of Reclamation provision in Part IV, Section M of this solicitation. Technical proposals shall be submitted in accordance with the Technical Proposal Instructions -- Bureau of Reclamation provision in Part IV, Section L of this solicitation.

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- (b) Past Performance Evaluation. In addition to any other past performance information required under the solicitation, the Contracting Officer (CO) shall use past performance information available from the Past Performance Information Retrieval system (PPIRS.GOV) in the source selection process on offerors competing for awards in excess of \$100,000, unless the CO has documented an exception from past performance consideration in accordance with FAR 15.304(c)(2)(iv).
- (c) Clarifications. Clarifications are limited exchanges, between the Government and offerors, that may occur when award without discussions is contemplated. If award will be made without conducting discussions, offerors may be given the opportunity to clarify certain aspects of proposals (e.g., the relevance of an offeror's past performance information and adverse past performance information to which the offeror has not previously had an opportunity to respond) or to resolve minor or clerical errors.
- (d) Communications. Communications are exchanges, between the Government and offerors, after receipt of proposals, leading to establishment of the competitive range. Communications may be conducted to enhance Government understanding of proposals, allow reasonable interpretation of the proposal, or facilitate the Government's evaluation process. Such communications may not be used to cure proposal deficiencies or material omissions, materially alter the technical or cost elements of the proposal, and/or otherwise revise the proposal. Communications are for the purpose of addressing issues that must be explored to determine whether a proposal should be placed in the competitive range. They shall not provide an opportunity for the offeror to revise its proposal, but may address ambiguities in the proposal or other concerns and information relating to past performance.
- (e) Competitive range. If discussions are to be conducted, the contracting officer shall establish the competitive range based on the ratings of each proposal against all evaluation criteria. The competitive range shall comprise all the most highly rated proposals, unless the range is further reduced for purposes of efficiency. The contracting officer may determine that the number of most highly rated proposals that might otherwise be included in the competitive range exceeds the number at which an efficient competition can be conducted. The contracting officer may then limit the number of proposals in the range to the greatest number that will permit an efficient competition among the most highly rated proposals. If, after discussions have begun (see paragraph (g) below), an offeror originally in the competitive range is no longer considered to be among the most highly rated offerors being considered for award, that offeror may be eliminated from the range whether or not all material aspects of the proposal have been discussed, or whether or not the offeror has been afforded an opportunity to submit a proposal revision.
- (f) Preaward debriefing of offerors. Offerors excluded from the competitive range or otherwise excluded from further consideration prior to the final source selection decision may request a debriefing before award. The process for requesting and conducting preaward debriefings may be found at FAR 15.505.
- (g) Discussions. Discussions are exchanges between the Government and offerors, after establishment of the competitive range, that are undertaken with the intent of allowing the offeror to revise its proposal. These discussions may include bargaining, including persuasion, alteration of assumptions and positions, give-and-take, and may apply to price, schedule, technical requirements, type of contract, or other terms of a proposed contract. Discussions are tailored to each offeror's proposal, and shall be conducted by the contracting officer with each offeror within the competitive range. The primary objective of discussions is to maximize the Government's ability to obtain best value, based on the requirement and the evaluation factors set forth in the solicitation.
- (h) Proposal revisions. The contracting officer may request or allow proposal revisions to clarify and document understandings reached during negotiations. At the conclusion of discussions, each offeror in the competitive range shall be given an opportunity to submit a final proposal revision. The contracting officer is required to establish a common cut-off date only for receipt of final proposal revisions. Requests for final proposal revisions shall advise offerors that the final proposal revisions shall be in writing and that the Government intends to make award without obtaining further revisions.
- (i) Preaward survey. A Government survey activity may contact an offeror, or visit its facility, to obtain information for determining its financial resources and/or its technical capabilities to perform the work when available information is not sufficient for the Contracting Officer to make a determination regarding contractor responsibility as required by FAR Subpart 9.1. Current financial statements and other information required to make this determination shall be made available to the survey activity. Information provided shall be protected from release or disclosure outside the Government, except as provided in FAR Subpart 24.2, Freedom of Information Act.
- (j) Organizational conflicts of interest. Award will not be made to an apparent successful offeror when an organizational conflict of interest is determined to exist and cannot be avoided or mitigated, unless the Contracting Officer determines that award is in the best interest of the United States and a waiver is obtained pursuant to DIAR 1409.503 (48 CFR 1409.503).
- (k) Source selection decision. The source selection authority's (SSA) decision shall be based on a comparative assessment of proposals against all source selection criteria in the solicitation. While the SSA may use reports and criteria prepared by others, the source selection decision shall represent the SSA's independent judgment. The source selection decision shall be documented, and the documentation shall include the rationale for any business judgments and tradeoffs made or relied on by the SSA, including benefits associated with additional costs. Although the rationale for the selection decision must be documented, that documentation need not quantify the tradeoffs that led to the decision.
- (l) Postaward notice. After contract award, unsuccessful offerors will be provided with written notice regarding contract award (including the information listed in FAR 15.503(b)) by the Contracting Officer. Offerors receiving prior notice of exclusion from the competitive range under paragraph (f) of this provision will not receive this notice.
- (m) Postaward debriefing of offerors. An offeror shall be debriefed and furnished the basis for the source selection decision and contract award if its written request is received by the contracting officer within three days after the offeror receives notice of contract award. The process for requesting and conducting postaward debriefings may be found at FAR 15.506.

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(End of provision)

Alternate I (SEP 2000). As prescribed in WBR 1415.204-5(a)(1), substitute the following introductory paragraph for the introductory paragraph of the basic provision:

The Government intends to evaluate proposals submitted under this solicitation, conduct negotiations, and select a source for contract award in accordance with the following provision: FAR 52.215-1 Instructions to Offerors - Competitive Acquisition (Feb 2000) -- Alternate I (Oct 1997). Source selection shall be in accordance with procedures contained in FAR Part 15, Department of the Interior Acquisition Regulation (DIAR) Part 1415 (48 CFR 1415) and Bureau of Reclamation Acquisition Regulation WBR Part 1415. These procedures are summarized as follows:

L.8 WBR AGENCY PROCUREMENT PROTESTS -- BUREAU OF SEPTEMBER 1997
1452.233- RECLAMATION
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- (a) Executive Order 12979, Agency Procurement Protests, establishes policy on agency procurement protests. This policy is implemented at section 33.103 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation. For solicitations issued by the Bureau of Reclamation, an interested party may request independent review of its protest by the Bureau Procurement Chief.
- (b) This independent review is available as an alternative to consideration by the contracting officer or as an appeal of the contracting officer's decision on a protest. An interested party may:
 - (1) Protest to the contracting officer;
 - (2) Protest directly to the Bureau Procurement Chief, without first protesting to the contracting officer; or
 - (3) Appeal a contracting officer's decision to the Bureau Procurement Chief.
- (c) An appeal of the contracting officer's decision must be received by the Bureau Procurement Chief (Bureau of Reclamation, Denver Federal Center, Bldg. 67, P.O. Box 25007 (D-7800), Denver, CO 80225-25007) no later than 3 days after receipt of that decision by the interested party. The Bureau Procurement Chief shall render a decision no later than 5 days after receipt of an appeal.
- (d) If there is an appellate review of the contracting officer's decision by the Bureau Procurement Chief, it will not extend the General Accounting Office's timeliness requirements. Therefore, any subsequent protest to the GAO must be filed within 10 days of knowledge of initial adverse agency action (4 CFR 21.2(a)(3)).

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SECTION M -- EVALUATION FACTORS FOR AWARD

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In accordance with the Agreement on Government Procurement, as amended by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (Pub. L. 103-465), and other trade agreements, FAR Subpart 25.4, Trade Agreements, applies to Bureau of Reclamation acquisitions. In order to apply trade agreements unique to Reclamation, the contracting officer will (irrespective of any other provision or clause of this solicitation) evaluate acquisitions at or above the dollar thresholds listed below without regard to the restrictions of the Buy American Act:

Trade Agreement	Supply Contract	Service Contract	Construction
TAA/CBTI*	\$175,000	\$175,000	\$6,725,000
FTAs**			
NAFTA-Australia	\$58,550	\$58,550	\$6,725,000
NAFTA-Canada	\$175,000	\$175,000	\$7,611,532
NAFTA- Mexico	\$58,550	\$58,550	\$7,611,532
NAFTA-Morocco	\$175,000	\$175,000	\$7,611,532
Chile FTA	\$58,550	\$58,550	\$6,725,000
Singapore FTA	\$58,550	\$58,550	\$6,725,000
Israeli Trade Act	\$175,000		

*World Trade Organization Government Procurement Agreement/Caribbean Basin Trade Initiative

**Free Trade Agreements